Church Camp Fire Update June 30, 8 p.m.

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Church Camp Fire 35 Percent Contained

Duchesne, Utah – Progress continues on the Church Camp Fire that began on June 24, about 20 miles south of Duchesne. As of 6 p.m., the fire was 35 percent contained, with most of that on the west flank where some mop-up has already begun.

The Church Camp Fire is estimated to be 5,900 acres is size, only increasing about 300 acres in the past 24 hours. The fire was again most active to the north and northeast. It continues to move down from the ridge and toward U.S. Highway 191. Fire crews are planning to do small burnouts along the highway to remove fuel between the highway and the advancing fire.

Fire behavior (how the fire is reacting to fuels, topography and winds) demonstrated more single and group tree torching with some short crown runs and short range spotting.

Structure protection is in place and will continue. No structures have been destroyed in the last 48 hours. Assessments continue to determine number of destroyed, damaged, and threatened structures. At this point 14 residences (cabins) and 45 outbuildings or other (anything manmade) have been destroyed.

The mandatory evacuation for Argyle Canyon and the road closure for Argyle Canyon Road remain in effect. Highway 191 remains open.

Currently on this fire are 535 personnel comprised of: three Type 1 and 13 Type 2 crews, 21 engines, four helicopters, two dozers and 10 water tenders.